

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. An inkjet recording device, comprising:

a carriage;

a recording head that is mounted on the carriage and which discharges ink based on printing data;

a recording medium guide member that is disposed along the main scanning direction scanned by the carriage and which conveys the recording medium in a subsidiary scanning direction orthogonal to the main scanning direction;

ink-receiver holes for receiving ink discharged from the recording head, the holes being formed on the recording medium guide member in positions beyond the edges of the recording medium being conveyed

ink absorbing materials disposed in the ink-receiver holes;

a discharged liquid accumulating means that cumulatively counts the amount of ink discharged into the ink absorbing material; and

an accumulation determining means which verifies that the count made by the discharged liquid accumulating means has reached a specified value,

wherein the inkjet recording device switches to a printing mode that does not discharge ink into the ink-receiver holes when the accumulation determining means verifies that the specified value has been reached.

2. An inkjet recording device, comprising:

a carriage;

a recording head that is mounted on the carriage and which discharges ink based on printing data;

a recording medium guide member that is disposed along the main scanning direction scanned by the carriage and which conveys the recording medium in a subsidiary scanning direction orthogonal to the main scanning direction;

ink-receiver holes for receiving ink discharged from the recording head, the holes being formed on the recording medium guide member in positions beyond the edges of the recording medium being conveyed

ink absorbing materials disposed in the ink-receiver holes;

a control circuit which cumulatively counts the amount of ink discharged into the ink absorbing material, which determines if the count has reached a specified value, and which switches the inkjet recording device to a printing mode that does not discharge ink into the ink-receiver holes when the specified value has been reached.